

## **Student Athletics**

Recognizing that inter-scholastic athletic competition is an essential part of a high school program that builds school and community pride, the board of trustees authorizes Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School to participate in the IHSAA (Idaho High School Activities Association) program. The athletic program shall observe the following guidelines:

- The high school principal and the superintendent shall determine the range of participation and shall annually review continuation of each sport. Consideration shall be given to financial requirements, number of participants, available competition, and other conditions as determined by them.
- The total athletic program for the high school shall be administered from the high school office and may involve coordination by an athletic director.
- The head coach of each program must be certified to teach in the schools of Idaho or must have completed 15 clock hours under the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Education Program (NFICEP) or the American Sports Education Program (ASEP)\*. Assistant coaches may be qualified student interns or members of the community.
- The continuation of a coach's contract shall be determined initially by the high school principal and superintendent, with formal approval granted from the school board and each coach shall be evaluated annually by them and/or an athletic director.
- Sponsorship of school teams shall be by the school district only. No outside organization or commercial interest shall influence or control the administration of an athletic team.
- Competition shall be scheduled in such a manner that will minimize loss of school time.
- Out of state trips by athletic teams must have the approval of the school board if they are part of non-league competition.
- Equipment used shall conform to commonly accepted safety standards.
- Practice sessions should not interfere with academic programs nor should they prevent the student/athlete from completing homework assignments. When necessary, facilities will be rotated between teams to permit equal use during prime "practice time."
- Participation in leagues approved by the IHSAA will require board of trustee endorsement before competitive play is started.

- Participation shall not be extended to any national competition, which is not IHSAA sanctioned or which is operated by propitiatory interests that are non-school related.

**\*Legal Source**      Idaho Activities Association Rules and Regulations Manual 2002-2003.  
page 75.

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